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SUBJ: COMMENTS ON MEETING AUGUST 26 (SALT TWO-746)

1. AT TODAY'S MEETING I MADE BRIEF STATEMENT TABLING ICCM, ICBM BALLISTIC MISSILES ON OTHER SEABORN VESSLES AND SEABEDS BANS IN GENERAL TERMS, STATING I WOULD SUPPLY AGREEMENT LANGUAGES LATER. SEMENOV MADE STATEMENT REJECTING PARA 6 OF ARTICLE IV (NORMAL CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE), STATING THAT THIS WAS ADEQUATELY COVERED BY ARTICLE VI. IN HIS PRESENTATION ON THIS, HE SPECIFICALLY REJECTED VALIDITY OF SSBN CONSTRUCTION RATE LIMITATION UNDER SCC PROCEDURES AS BEING A VALID PRECEDENT FOR NEW AGREEMENT, STATING THAT THOSE PROCEDURES WERE FOR A SPECIAL PURPOSE FOR ONLY A LIMITED PERIOD OF TIME. HE THEN MADE STATEMENT WHICH SOMEWHAT OBLIQUELY SEEMED TO SAY THAT IF WE WOULD ACCEPT THEIR POSITION ON DELETING NORMAL CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE PROVISION, THEY WOULD ACCEPT OUR POSITION ON PARA 2 OF ARTICLE IV (BANNING RELOCATION OF FIXED ICBM LAUNCHERS). HE ALSO MADE STATEMENT DEFENDING THEIR PROPOSAL FOR ARTICLE XII (12 MONTHS FOR DESTRUCTION OF EXCESS STRATEGIC VEHICLES) AND SEEKING TO REFUTE OUR AUGUST 22 STATEMENT ON SUBJECT. NEITHER THIS NOR HIS

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PRIVATE STATEMENT TO ME ON SAME SUBJECT APPEARS TO CONTAIN

ANYTHING NEW.

2. DURING THE COURSE OF OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATION, HE SAID THAT THEY WERE PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE PRINCIPLE OF ELEMENTS IN THE NEW AGREEMENT NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE I.A. COMING INTO EFFECT PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1977, BUT THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE AGREEMENT ON SPECIFICS, WHICH HE WAS "UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO CLARIFY WITH ME." HE ALSO WANTED TO KNOW WHAT SPECIFIC LANGUAGE WE WOULD PROPOSE FOR ARTICLE XX. I SAID I AGREED THERE WOULD NEED TO BE CLEAR UNDERSTANDING ON SPECIFICS AND SUGGESTED THAT BEST PLACE TO START SUCH DISCUSSION WAS ON BANS IN ARTICLE X. I POINTED OUT THAT THEIR PROVISION IN ARTICLE XII, GIVING 12 MONTHS AFTER OCTOBER 1977 FOR DESTRUCTION OF BANNED SYSTEMS WAS INCONSISTENT WITH PROVISION ON BANNED SYSTEMS COMING INTO EFFECT PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1977. WE AGREED TO RETURN TO THIS SUBJECT IN OUR PRIVATE MEETING AUGUST 28. AT THAT MEETING WE ALSO AGREED TO TAKE UP PARA 3 OF ARTICLE XVII (VERIFICATION) AND THOSE PROVISIONS OF PARA 2 OF ARTICLE XVIII, WHICH HE TERMED AS ALSO RELATED TO CONTROLLING MODERNIZATION AND REPLACEMENT. I SAID THAT IN NONE OF THESE PROPOSALS WERE WE SEEKING TO INHIBIT THEIR ABILITY TO CARRY OUT MODERNIZATION AND REPLACEMENT AND IF THERE WAS ANY MISUNDERSTANDING ON THIS POINT, I WAS PREPARED TO DISCUSS WAYS OF FORMULATING LANGUAGE SO AS TO RELIEVE THIS CONCERN.

3. DURING HIS TRILATERAL WITH TRUSOV AND BELETSKY, IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION ON MIRV DEFINITION WITH MY PRIOR APPROVAL ROWNY INFORMALLY GAVE TRUSOV A SIMPLIFIED MIRV DEFINITION READING AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE END A MULTIPLE INDEPENDENTLY-TARGETABLE REENTRY VEHICLE (MIRV) SYSTEM IS A SYSTEM CONTAINING TWO OR MORE REENTRY VEHICLES WHICH CAN BE TARGETED FROM A SINGLE BALLISTIC MISSILE TO SEPARATE AIM POINTS, THE LOCATIONS OF WHICH HAVE NO PARTICULAR RELATIONSHIP ONE TO THE OTHER. WITHOUT, OF COURSE, AGREEING, TRUSOV DID NOT CHALLENGE THIS APPROACH AND SAID THAT THEIR MORE DETAILED DEFINITION WAS AN ATTEMPT TO MEET WHAT THEY THOUGHT WERE OUR CONCERNS.

4. IN HIS BILATERAL WITH MAY, SHCHUKIN ASKED THE MEANING OF THE WORD "OPERATIONAL" IN PARA 2 (C) OF ARTICLE VII. DURING COURSE OF DISCUSSION, HE ASKED WHETHER US INTENDED TO COUNT
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ANY LAUNCHERS AT TEST SITES AS BEING OPERATIONAL. MAY ONLY REPLIED THAT IT WAS NOT OUR INTENT TO COUNT ANY LAUNCHER USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR TEST AND TRAINING AS OPERATIONAL. (DURING HIS CONVERSATION WITH GRAHAM, SMOLIN CATEGORICALLY STATED THAT UNDER I.A. AND PARA 2 (B) ARTICLE VII JDT OPERATIONAL LAUNCHERS AT TEST SITES WERE ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED.)

5. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 29.

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